

# COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Nurturing Spiritual Growth and Working for Social Justice

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### *A Word from our Pastor*

Dear Friends,

The NC Council of Churches has recently begun, with the assistance of the Triangle Interfaith Alliance, an Interfaith Dialogue Project. It is being organized by the Rev. Rollin Russell, former Conference Minister of the Southern Conference UCC. Rollin has invited me to participate in this ongoing dialogue and I have offered our church to host these meetings.

Here is a description of the purpose for these interfaith dialogues:

When a distinguished group of Muslim Imams published their historic "A Common Word Between Us and You" it was met with resounding expressions of appreciation by religious and secular leaders alike. It was an effort to initiate a broad dialogue across the United States between Muslims and Christians. It focused on two central themes which these two historic faiths hold in common: Love of God, and Love of Neighbor, and it sites the many texts of the Hebrew Scriptures which are venerated by both religious traditions.

The purpose of the North Carolina Interfaith Dialogue Project is to initiate and coordinate, to what ever extent is needed, a state wide series of conversations between the Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities, the historic descendants in religious faith of Abraham. The initial Interfaith Dialogue group, which meets in Raleigh, will identify and invite leaders from the three faith traditions from communities around North Carolina to initiate and coordinate gatherings in their local communities. The purpose of such discussions is to explore the wisdom of "A Common Word Between

Us and You," with the hope of creating a changed climate of mutual understanding, acceptance and cooperation.

The Raleigh Interfaith Dialogue group has discovered many misunderstandings that exist between and among us, misperceptions that have, in some instances, assumed the stature of conventional wisdom. Those have been carefully explored and new levels of appreciation have emerged as the group discovered the many similarities as well as differences in our faith and piety. Discussions regarding family and ethical concerns were very informative, and the process of comparing similar texts and our various interpretations of them added to a deeper understanding, if not always agreement.

If this topic interests you, there is a wonderful book you would enjoy reading: The Faith Club, a Muslim, a Christian and a Jew – three women search for understanding.

In light of the recent uproar and controversy surrounding the possible building of a Mosque in the vicinity of ground zero in NYC after 9-11, Interfaith dialogue continues to be of great importance in the peacemaking process toward God's shalom.

Blessings and Peace

Steve

# Church Council

Notes from the Council's August 16 meeting:

We discussed "Welcome Back Sunday," scheduled for Sept 12. There will be horseshoes and other games, and a potluck featuring local food. Dessert (sundaes!) will be provided (see "Deacons," below).

We discussed a new website for CUCC after Lavon Page "retires" as webmaster. Sam agreed to contact individuals to request help. Anyone with interest in this effort is encouraged to volunteer.

We added to the funeral policy a proviso that when the Office Manager notes during plans for a service that building and/or grounds need special attention, she will notify the Property Ministry chair.

Jane discussed the new materials that she has prepared for welcoming visitors (see WGG, below). New members will join on August 22.

We will begin requiring a key deposit from anyone outside the church using the church buildings.  
--Submitted by Sam Johnson

## Deacons

### **WELCOME BACK SUNDAY**

**September 12, 10:30 – 12:30**

**Come to Sing!  
Come to Pray!!  
Come to Play!!!**

#### **Worship Festival – North Carolina Style**

<b>Kids Choir</b>	<b>lawn games</b>
<b>Blue Grass Band</b>	<b>checker tournament</b>
<b>NIN Offering</b>	<b>make prayer sticks</b>

**Pot Luck – NC Foods (NO Desserts)  
Drinks & Ice Cream "Sunday's" provided**

**Y'ALL COME NOW!**

## **Excerpts, Deacons Ministry August 12 Meeting:**

### Pastor's Report

Steve will be on vacation October 1 - 8, missing one Sunday (World Communion Sunday October 3). Revs. Robert Parrish and Michael Evans will be available for pastoral concerns.

### Ushers

Joan McAllister will bring her CD of chants to be used during the quiet "preparation for worship" time.

Personnel Evaluation Process. In early September Suzette, Edith, Sam, and Bill will be meeting and discussing the review, revision and formalization of procedures for annual reviews. Bill will seek resources and ideas through the national UCC, and perhaps the Alban Institute.

### Looking ahead to Thanksgiving and Advent

The joint University Park Thanksgiving service will probably be hosted by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. The Christmas Pageant is scheduled for December 12, and special music for December 19.

### ONA Task Force

- Joan, Skip and Steve reported briefly on their trip to San Diego to attend the UCC Coalition on LGBT Concerns.
- Joan will submit a statement to be added to our weekly service bulletin, to the effect that "If we are doing or not doing something that interferes with your faith journey, please tell us!"
- Upcoming dates and events:
  - Saturday, September 25: NC Pride Festival and Parade. CUCC will march and have a table. Sign up to help!
  - Monday, October 11: National Coming Out Day.
  - Saturday, November 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance. This day is an annual memorial to those who have been killed because they were transgender. By coincidence, CUCC will vote on the proposed addition of transgender individuals to our ONA statement at our congregational meeting scheduled for the following day, November 21.
  - Wednesday, December 1: World AIDS Day

• Joan has purchased 2 (or 3) large banners to be used by our group at the Pride Parade (Duke East Campus, Sept. 25); we will also carry signs.

--submitted by **Skip Stoddard**

## *Property*

Many hands make light work – and many hands also get more work done! That was certainly the case at our August 21 work day when **Marge Eckels, Carol Clark, Linda Baker, Sam Johnson, Joan McAllister, Jane Smith, Nancy and Skip Stoddard and Lena Gallitano** donated the morning to add some sparkle and shine to CUCC both inside and out. We hope you've noticed!

SAVE THE DATE – OCTOBER 9 – We're not quite finished with the CUCC chores. The outside needs some weeding, pruning, and general maintenance before winter sets in. Can we count on you to donate the morning to assist with this work?

Thanks to everyone who has completed a Time, Skill & Talent Survey for the property ministry. We'll be calling on you in the future. If you've not completed this survey, take a copy from the table in the back of the sanctuary and let us hear from you.

Submitted by – **Lena Gallitano**, Property Ministry

## *Religious Education*

### Sunday School News

What a wonderful summer we have had as we have strived to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord!" Just look on our bulletin board in the hall and see the Christian songs we have enjoyed this summer.

On September 12, Welcome Back Sunday, we will share our music with you during worship. This is going to be a truly joyful day and we look forward to singing with you. The preschool children, elementary children and youth are all working together for this special time.

Sunday School kicks off on September 19 and we will start our new year together. I am excited and looking forward to seeing everyone after summer vacations.

Our special events this fall include making Christmas tree ornaments in Sunday School on Thanksgiving weekend, our family advent festival on December 5 at 5pm, and the Christmas pageant

on December 12 during worship. As always, grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews and visitors are all welcome to participate.

- **Anne Bailey Zschau**

### CUCC Youth News

The Recent Past...

- A total of eight CUCC Youth helped to prepare and/or serve a delicious Wright Center Meal to 38 women at the on August 15. Thank you to adults: Ron Howell, Paul Kiel, Toni James Manus, and Bill Robertson for their help.
- 5th Sunday Church School (all 6th-12th graders collaborated on two works of art for the genderless bathrooms off of the fellowship hall. After worship, we joined in on our Second Annual Church-Wide Pool Party (complete with hotdogs, hamburgers, bean burgers, mac-n-cheese, foosball, basketball, volleyball, diving, and of course swimming!) Thank you to the Burkhardts for hosting again this year!

The Near Future...

- Sunday, September 5: First Sunday - share communion worship with your families. No Church School or Youth Group today.
- Saturday, September 11: 6-10:30 p.m. Youth Group Star Gazing at Jordan Lake We'll meet at the youth room for pizza and cleaning/organizing the youth room; then we'll have pizza together, and then head to Jordan Lake for star gazing lead by a Morehead Planetarium Astronomer.
- Sunday, September 12: Welcome Back Sunday: Youth and Children Sing for worship and Youth provide a creative booth at the festival.
- Sunday, September 19: First day of Fall Church School Curriculum
- Sunday, September 25: Youth participate in NC Pride (NC 's Annual Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Festival) 11:00 a.m.- 3:30ish p.m. Please sign-up in the narthex! Contact Šanti for more information.

- Sunday, September 26: Church School, followed by Youth Group Lunch and Tie Dye more CUCC T-Shirts.

General Descriptions of Fall 2010 Youth Programs and Events at CUCC:

### Church School

Church School for Journey and Confirmation classes (6th-8th grade) meets every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month. Leaders (10th grade and beyond) will meet on custom dates to accommodate their schedules. The first Sunday of every month is reserved for families to share communion worship together. On Fifth Sundays, all youth (6th grade and up) enjoy church school together. There are fifth Sundays in August, October, January, and May

- Church School for Journey (6th graders)  
Fall: Faith Journey through Creativity *"The Creative Spirit in Us and Among Us"*  
Winter: Faith Journey through Baking Bread *"Bread of Life"*  
Spring: Faith Journey through Playing Music *"Make a Joyful Sound"*
- Church School for Confirmation (7th and 8th graders) *UCC Confirmation Curriculum*
- Church School for Leaders (9th grade & up) *Utilizing Technology in Living out Our Faith*

### Youth Group

We'll meet twice a month for lunch and activities after church. We'll also periodically have Youth Group service projects, lock-ins, fun nights, and additional time for planning special events such as the Fall Festival/Talent Show and the Lenten Youth-Led Worship in the spring. Please be sure to check your emails regularly. Direct any questions or ideas about youth programming to Sánti Matthews [forsanti@aol.com](mailto:forsanti@aol.com) or (919)961-8814

### **T-SHIRTS**

CUCC Youth will be tie-dyeing our famous CUCC t-shirts on September 26. If you would like to place an order, or if you have already paid for but have not received a t-shirt, check in at the youth booth at Welcome Back Sunday, or contact Sánti by September 10: [forsanti@aol.com](mailto:forsanti@aol.com) or (919)961-8814.

**Adult Forum** resumes September 12, Sundays at 9:15 in the Vaughan fellowship hall. Here is the **Forum schedule for September:**

**September 12** – Vic Lebsock, Senior Greenway Planner, City of Raleigh. "Our Expanding Area Greenway System"

**September 19** – Crystal Hayes, Co-Director of Racial Justice, YWCA of the Greater Triangle Racial Justice Initiative

**September 26** – "Imagining the Afterlife", Discussion of Frank Stasio's *The State of Things* program on Aug. 5, 2010.

## **Social Justice**

**School Diversity:** The Social Justice ministry values quality education, diversity and stability. Ministry members met with Anne McLaurin July 30, focusing on listening to Dr. McLaurin and asking how we can help constructively to preserve economic and racial diversity in the school system. Both ministry members and Dr. McLaurin appreciated the discussion. She is setting up a forum in her district for public discussion and comment on the Controlled Choice idea for the new assignment policy. We offered CUCC and its members to host a future forum if Dr. McLaurin or other board members would find it valuable. The ministry recommends contacting your school board member with comments or questions on the new plans. We have also invited John Tedesco to meet with us to understand where he sees the board going. Pastor Steve has been involved in these discussions and preached on the topic on 8/15/10.

**Bread for the World:** We sent 41 postcards to Congress for the Bread for the World letter writing after church on June 13.

**Monthly Social Justice Opportunity:** Neighbors in Need offering is scheduled during September. In October people will be invited to go to the polls together by bus to participate in early voting.

**ACLU of Wake County Civil Liberties Award:** CUCC will receive the 2010 Wake County ACLU

award on November 4. Gary Smith will accept it for the church. All are welcome to attend.

**God's Green Earth:** Marty Lamb led a wonderful GGE event this year on July 23-24. It was a big success; Marty is greatly appreciated and thanked for her work. Friday night events included dinner and speaker David McDuffie (UNC) speaking on "Christian Theology of Ecology", videos and a trip to the Raleigh Wetlands center. On Saturday, there was Eco-bag painting, trash walking, games, lunch and lunch speaker Carl Sigel (NCIPL) on "NC Sea Levels Rising", an oil geology lesson and letter writing action opportunity, JCRA talk, bird house/feeder construction, trash sorting/recycling information with Bianca Howard (City of Raleigh), meditation time and a trip to Locopops.

### **Economic Justice Task Force**

The following article was posted on the UCC web site in July:

A 12-member task force comprising a diverse group of people, staffed by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries, recently convened at Franklinton Center (N.C.) to develop an Economic Justice Church Covenant Program.

The group is working to implement a resolution passed last summer at General Synod 27 in Grand Rapids, Mich., that encourages churches to engage in a discernment process of study, witness and action to decide whether to become an economic justice church. The resolution also called for the formation of a task force to develop a program that would facilitate this process.

"The 12-member task force is diverse geographically, racially and in terms of lay persons and clergy," says Edith Rasell, task force convener and minister for economic justice in the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries. The Task Force met over a four-day period in late May, and also heard from members of United Church of Chapel Hill, the congregation that wrote the original resolution. The Task Force also met with members of Community UCC in Raleigh, a congregation that is interested in becoming an Economic Justice Church.

"We made remarkable progress in planning a program that will primarily be web-based," says Rasell. "We heard from the Coalition (of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns) about the Open and Affirming process because that seems to be one of the more successful covenant church programs."

As approved at General Synod last year, the resolution for "An Economic Justice Covenant" reads:

"The Christian faith makes economic justice a priority for the Christian community. The United Church of Christ has long been an advocate for the poor and a witness for justice in all areas of life. This resolution asks that the Twenty-seventh General Synod, the national bodies of the United Church of Christ and its Conferences, Associations and Local Churches commit to a covenant of study, witness and action in pursuit of economic justice in our world."

The United Church of Chapel Hill first brought the resolution to the Southern Conference and then to General Synod," says Rasell. "They developed the idea and went through a process to become an Economic Justice Church. Their experience was so powerful and important that they thought other churches would benefit from a similar process of education, discernment, prayer and action around issues of economic justice." So they wrote the resolution.

The meeting with Community UCC in Raleigh stemmed from an email Rasell received a couple weeks before the scheduled Task Force meeting at Franklinton Center. "I received an email out of the blue from them saying, 'Does this economic justice church program exist? If so, we want to go through this process. What can you do to help us?'" "So I thought, this is perfect, even though we don't yet have a program to provide them, they could share with us their ideas about what would be useful to them. This is a church with a great history of involvement and engagement that now wanted to embark on this Economic Justice Church journey. They could give insights to the Task Force about what would be helpful for themselves and for other congregations.

"Over the four-day meeting, the Task Force put together an outline of a program that includes Bible study, education, prayer and engaging the community around economic justice issues," says Rasell. "It also will provide resources for personal devotions and reflection around lifestyle issues and consumerism. These will all be part of a congregation's discernment process.

"Over the next six to eight months, the Task Force will be putting it all together," says Rasell. "We want to have something ready to go, in English and in Spanish, in time for General Synod next

year." General Synod 28 will be held July 1-5, 2011, in Tampa, Fla..

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CUCC's Economic Justice Task Force will meet on Monday, September 27 at 5:00 in the Bradow Room to begin work on a covenant. Everyone is invited to join us.

– submitted by **Shirley Birt**

## *Welcoming Fellowship & Growth*

### Welcoming visitors

- A set of new pew cards has been created and placed in the pews. There is one each for "Taize," "Communion," and "A Meditation." The Meditation card will be changed periodically and WFG (via Jane Smith) welcomes submissions. Congregants are welcome to take cards; ushers are to ensure that they are replenished.
- A new tri-fold brochure has been produced and will be available soon.
- WFG is considering the possibility of offering a "gift" packet to welcome visitors.

## ***You are invited to the Newcomers' Supper***

***Friday, September 24, 2010***

Appetizers at 6:00 PM  
Dinner served at 6:30 PM

### Sisters in Spirit (SIS)

SIS beach retreat is scheduled for Sept. 17-19th, 2010 in Surf City. Interested? Details? – contact **Marty Lamb**, 834-4280, [billandmarty@nc.rr.com](mailto:billandmarty@nc.rr.com)

Retirees will be meeting Monday, September 13, at 10:30 a.m. to play games and plan events for the year. Bring a sandwich, dessert –drinks provided.

### Monday Lunch Group

Bring a sandwich and join the group at 12:15 in the Hoffmann room. During September, Peg Hulslander and Linda Baker will lead a program about "wisdom of the grandmothers of the world."

## *Our People*

### Prayer Requests

Please write your prayer request on a slip of paper and place it in the offering plate or one of the prayer jars (Narthex and office). Prayers are solicited for: **Jo Lemons; Al Matthews; Carolyn King; Lisa Marsh; Ann McLaughlin's mother, Frances Cox; Kerma Hazel; David Sigmon's mother, Jane; Nancy Callaham, Mike Callaham; Carole Gailor; Betsy Towler; Evelyn Noblin; Mark Denlinger; The Milandu family;** those impacted by the oil spill; the people of the DRC, and other victims of war and natural disaster across the globe.

**Andre Jospin Masakidi Milandu**, 20, died suddenly August 19, 2010, at NC Agricultural and Technical University in Greensboro, NC. He was a sophomore, and was trying out for the varsity track team when he collapsed on the A&T track. He was born May 11, 1990, in Lukala, Democratic Republic of the Congo. He was the elder son of **Fernand and Lina Milandu**, of Knightdale, NC. Surviving also are his sisters **Ferline** and **Ellen**, brother **Isaac**, and niece **Destinee**.

Jospin was a 2009 graduate of Knightdale High School, where he was captain of the track team. He was a member of Good New Message Church and of Community United CCC. There was a memorial service at A&T; and further services were held in Raleigh. A memorial fund has been established; for more detail, call the CUCC office.

From **Vandy Bradow**: "I got an email from **Pastor Nsumbu**. He says that though things are very tough, he trusts in God—and asks our prayers. He says that his two daughters got married in 2008 and 2009 he is happy to be a "grandpa." He says he misses us very much and sends his greetings to all CUCC." Vandy assured him of our prayers.

The NCSU Craft Center is sponsoring a show by the Triangle Art Quilters that opened on August 17th, and will run through mid-October. It's quite

an impressive show, so mark a day on your calendars to feast your eyes! **Linda Baker** has three of her quilts on display.

for Urban Ministries' **Helen Wright Center for Women.**

The house we have prepared for **Passage Home** will be occupied by a formerly homeless family, after \$10,000 worth of renovations generously

provided by Honeywell. In the meantime, a Passage Home youth event will use "our" house as a place for participants to sleep.

As you may have seen from the bulletin inserts, we are in the middle of our **Neighbors in Need (NIN)** campaign. The final collection for Neighbors in Need is set for Sunday, September 12, 2010. Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. One-third of the offering undergirds the work of the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM), including much-needed financial support for 20 American Indian congregations in the UCC. CAIM supports the work of local churches and their pastors; encourages youth and young adults; supports persons preparing for Christian ministry; empowers American Indians who are members of non-Indian congregations; and advocates for justice on issues affecting American Indian life. Two-thirds of the offering supports justice advocacy and direct service projects such as just-peace programs and community grants through UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM). Small but essential grants are made throughout the year to congregations and organizations engaged in community organizing, public policy advocacy, and direct service. Although grants are made to address a wide range of justice priorities, a significant portion of these grants are made to address issues of hunger and poverty. To learn more about Neighbors in Need, you can visit <http://www.ucc.org/nin/>. Please remember to support this worthy cause and make a donation to Neighbors in Need on Sunday, September 12, 2010.

– submitted by **David Sigmon**

### **Our Young People's Birthdays**



**9/1/05 – Afton Eckard**

**9/20/04 – Maya Cobeland**

**9/28/04 – Eli Sigmon**

**10/11/01 – Zenna Bryan**

**10/14/95 – Susie Binganisi**

**10/17/95 – Zack Cole**

**10/20/02 – Erik Burkhardt**

**10/21/95 – Ellen Milandu**

**Erin Moorman is teaching voice lessons.** She has a Master of Music in Voice Performance and Vocal Pedagogy from ECU. Rates are negotiable but about \$40/hr. Call 612-1554 or email [\*\*eemoorman@hotmail.com\*\*](mailto:eemoorman@hotmail.com)

Submitted by **Erin Moorman**

## *Community Outreach*



### **Emergency food bags:**

In August our congregation contributed 27 emergency food bags, which is probably an all-time record for summer collections. We really can be proud of our on-going interest and faithfulness in this ministry.

Food bags will be collected **September 5<sup>th</sup>** and every first Sunday of the month.

**Meals on Wheels** were delivered on August 11 by **Sue Cottle, Marge Eckels & Sally Cook, and Carol Kepler & neighbor Liz Cilem.**

CUCC's Youth Group prepared and served August's third Sunday of the month evening dinner

### **Cool 4 Wake**

#### **SUCCESS**

In addition to the \$200 contribution from the Justice in a Changing Climate committee, the congregation donated \$285 for Cool 4 Wake. Thank you for

assisting Wake County residents who cannot afford to escape the heat into air-conditioned buildings.

– submitted by **Jeanne Ledbetter**

### **CROP Hunger Walk – Saturday, October 2**

Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty  
Come one, come all! Old, young and in-between!  
Bring the kids and the dog!



Sign up to walk 3.1 miles in downtown Raleigh on a lovely autumn Saturday morning, October 2, at 9:30AM, and help change the lives of hungry people.

In 2009, 10 walkers from CUCC raised \$1730, part of the \$39,450 raised by the entire

Raleigh CROP Walk. This benefited both local agencies and Church World Service and helped hungry people grow or get food. See a 5-minute movie on CROP: Google

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FK89OIxqQG4>.

To sign up, email **Mike Schafale** [schafale@lightcandle.com](mailto:schafale@lightcandle.com). More information at <http://www.cropwalkraleigh.com/>

### **Peace Booth at the NC State Fair**

Volunteers needed for Thursday, October 21, 9-3, in 2-hour shifts. Call **Sue Cottle**, 772-8288

## *Wider Church*

The Eastern North Carolina Association Annual Meeting will be held at the First Congregational Church in Dudley, NC on October 2.

### **ONA News**

#### **Gay Pride Festival Saturday September 25**

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual NC Gay Pride Festival is on September 25. For the first time our church will have an official supportive presence there by having an information table and marchers in the Pride Parade. Your involvement and support are needed. Sign up sheets are in the hallway on the Social Action bulletin board, as well as in the Vaughan Fellowship hall for those who are interested in participating. We need people to staff the table and

to answer questions; people to walk in the parade, carrying signs and the CUCC banner; and people who will express our church's warm welcome to potential visitors. Please sign up with contact information! We will be in touch regarding carpooling and directions.

### **God is Still Speaking...in someone's dorm room?**

Someone really likes our rainbow commas on the church sign. Joan has replaced three of them since they mysteriously disappeared. We now have a little note on the top of the sign asking people to wait until after September 25, when we will have a number of these rainbow commas available. We don't think the takers are being malicious since only one is taken at a time! On a positive note, people are noticing the rainbow comma and get the message that we are an ONA church!

### **ONA Movies are available**

The four films "For the Bible Tells Me So," "Prayers for Bobby," "Through My Eyes" and "Call Me Malcolm" are available for checkout in the church library. Please sign out on the card provided with the film you want. We have also received a generous donation of books from one of the members of Common Woman Chorus, Nancy Maeder. These books are shelved with the Gay Issues section of the Library.

### **DAY-TO-DAY CONTACTS AT CUCC**

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(Office hours: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Monday-Friday),

Moderator: Edith Sylla

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Religious Education: Marty Lamb

Children's Education: Anne Bailey Zschau

Youth Ministry: Šánti Matthews

Organist: Doug Barrick

Choir Director: Anne Moorman-Smith

Newsletter: Carol Clark and Vandy Bradow

## **A Month of Sundays**

**September 5 | Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9:00-9:30 Taize; 9:15 Bible Study; 9:15 Adult Forum; 10:30 Worship Service with Communion & Church School; Fellowship Time;**

**Lectionary:**

Jer 18:1-11;

Ps 139:1-6, 13-18 or Deut 30:15-20;

Ps 1; Philem 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

**September 12 | Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9:00-9:30 Taize; 9:15 Bible Study; 9:15 Adult Forum; 10:30 Worship Service & Church School; Fellowship Time;**

**Lectionary:**

Jer 4:11-12, 22-28;

Ps 14 or Ex 32:7-14; Ps 51:1-10;

1 Tim 1:12-17

**September 19 | Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9:00-9:30 Taize with Communion; 9:15 Bible Study; 9:15 Adult Forum; 10:30 Worship Service & Church School; Fellowship Time;**

**Lectionary:**

Jer 8:18-9:1;

Ps 79:1-9 or

Amos 8:4-7; Ps 113; 1 Tim 2:1-7;

Luke 16:1-13

**September 25 | Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9:00-9:30 Taize; 9:15 Bible Study; 9:15 Adult Forum; 10:30 Worship Service & Church School; Fellowship Time;**

**Lectionary:**

Jer 32:1-3a, 6-15;

Ps 91:1-6, 14-16 or Amos 6:1a, 4-7;

Ps 146; 1 Tim 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31